



## *Their Time*



Students from the Faculty of Social Sciences embrace the solemnity of the moment during their graduation ceremony on Friday, October 25, 2019 in the transformed multi-purpose hall of The UWI St Augustine Sport and Physical Education Centre (SPEC). From October 24 to 26, SPEC resonated with the energy of proud families, friends and other supporters as the campus community recognised the results of their graduands' years of work in completion of their programmes of study. The 2019 Graduation Ceremonies at the Open Campus, as well as the St Augustine, Cave Hill and Mona campuses represent the completion of an important step in their life paths. They have many more to go. On those three days in October, however, they, as honorary graduand and former Central Bank Governor Ewart Williams recommended in his address, "*savoured the moment.*" PHOTO: ATIBA CUDJOE

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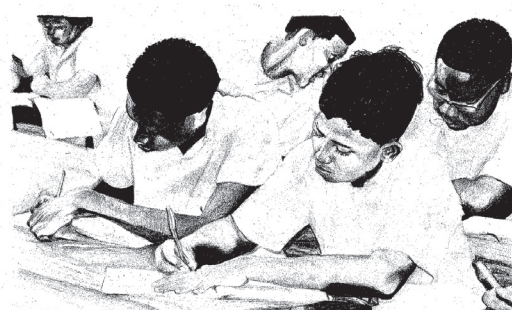
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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

# Day of Returns

**Graduation is truly a special time.** As a campus community, a regional university community, we gather together to acknowledge the years of effort, perseverance and passion of our students. We listen to the youthful wisdom of our valedictorians. We receive the well-earned insight of our honorary graduands. We share in the pride of our graduands and their loved ones as they cross the stage to receive their degrees. What an incredible three days they have been.

But beyond the ceremonies, what does graduation truly mean? Graduation represents a return on investment, an investment in the future. It is the result of the time, effort and resources each student has given to their higher education. Many do this in preparation for adult and professional life. Adult students do it to further their personal and professional development. This might sound matter-of-fact but it is extremely important. Every investment represents either necessity, optimism or both. By choosing to pursue tertiary education at this university, these graduates placed their faith in us to meet their needs. More than that, most of them placed their faith in Trinidad and Tobago and the Caribbean. To invest in the future, you have to believe there will be a future worth investing in.

We are at a time in this region when concerns about the future are natural and valid. There's no need to recite them anymore. The challenges and threats dominate the headlines and appear in even the most casual conversations. We know what we face.

I believe it is well past time for us instead to discuss what we want. What is our ambition for the future? Where do we want to be in 5 years, 10 years, 50 years from now? What kind of evolution do we want for Trinidad and Tobago. When the world thinks of the Caribbean, how do we want to be regarded? As a people, we know we want to succeed. But what does success look like?

In the current circumstance the inclination is to protect what we have and avoid further risk. However, we can and should also be operating from our imagination. Truthfully, one of the reasons we got here was a conservatism of approach, a reliance on old ways of doing things and a faulty belief in the permanence of prosperity. Nothing lasts forever. Growth and change are constant. Without them, at best we will have eventual stagnation. There is potential for much worse.

In his book, *A Global History: From Prehistory to Present*, L. S. Stavrianos points out the great irony of the collapse of Rome and what it meant for Europe. Unlike the other classical civilisations



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of the Middle East, South Asia and the Far East, the Roman Empire was toppled, sending Europe into a period of chaos. But it was precisely because of the fall of the old society that a new and dynamic society took its place.

“For this reason the West alone,” says Stavrianos, “was free to strike out in new directions and to evolve, during the medieval age, a new technology, new institutions, and new ideas – in short, a new civilisation.”

I say this not to assess the merits of European civilisation and its legacy, but to illustrate that we do not know the outcome of the turbulence the Caribbean society is experiencing today. We can choose to accept, with boldness, the need to imagine a better future and work towards it, throwing off the old and stultifying conformity that has not served us well.

If this were even a few years ago I would have said we need to shake things up or things will shake us up. But our society has been in the grip of “things” for some time now. We need to start shaking back.

And for our new graduates, those who have made their investment in the future, as I congratulate you for this important accomplishment on your life's journey, I'd like to encourage you to think of yourselves as members of society sharing in the collective goal of making this region a better place. After all, the best way to ensure a return on your investment in the future is to be the ones who shape it.

*Brian Copeland*

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## THE UWI SPEC INTERNATIONAL HALF-MARATHON

**It's the early hours of Sunday morning and the campus is still sleeping.** The windows are dark and the walkways empty. The moon is a silver light in the sky. It's a quiet time – but not at SPEC.

The UWI Sport and Physical Education Centre, one of the campus's most massive facilities, is an oasis of light and life. The people are drifting in, hundreds of them, unmistakable in their sleek-material shorts and t-shirts, their sneakers with fluorescent laces and symbols. Runners. And they are here for the 16th UWI SPEC International Half-Marathon and Relay.

Held on Sunday, 20 October, the half-marathon brought together elite international distance runners, top local runners, differently-abled athletes, health and wellness enthusiasts, relay teams, and supporters of the marathon and its participants. This year about 1,600 people took part in the race (the target set in commemoration of its 16th edition).

"I really want to engage people to come out and support," said SPEC Director Grace Jackson in an interview a few weeks before the race. On the morning itself she was a constant presence, moving between SPEC, the outdoor Athlete's Village, and the starting/finish line right outside on St Augustine Circular Road.

Jackson – an Olympic medallist, Jamaican record holder in the 200- and 400-metre races, and Jamaican Sportswoman of the Year on multiple occasions – was instrumental in creating the relay component of the race. The relay gives people who are not inclined or able to run a full 13.1 mile course the opportunity to still take part with friends.

The relay teams started about 15 minutes after the half-marathoners who set off to the cheers of a jubilant crowd at 5 a.m. The starting line was the heart of the action, packed with spectators on either side and the storytelling, commentary and word play of masters of ceremony Jason 'JW' Williams and James Saunders.

"There was a lot of energy for sure, people waiting for their person to cross, camaraderie from cheering for everyone, seeing people give it their all to cross the finish line," says Jeanette Awai, Marketing and Communications (M&C) Assistant with The UWI St Augustine's M&C Office and a member of the team that organised and implemented the event.

The route took runners east on the Priority Bus Route to La Resource Junction in D'Abadie and back. At 1:07:55 after the start, Venezuelan athlete Didimo Sanchez came crashing through the tape, winning his second UWI half-marathon in two years. The women's winner, Kenyan Veronica Jepkosgei came in at 1:18:28. The highest placed Trinidadian, Matthew Hagley, came in fourth at 1:12:28.

But long after the elite runners had finished, the crowd stayed to cheer on most of the half-marathon and relay runners. Among the spectators were numerous members of the campus community, including Campus Principal Professor Brian Copeland and Professor Emeritus Funso Aiyejina, Head of The UWI St Augustine Academy of Sport. At the event as well was Kurt Headley, Head of Retail Banking at First Citizens. The bank has been The UWI's main sponsor for the half-marathon from the beginning. This year's charitable focus was sports scholarships for student athletes. Other major sponsors for the 2019 race were Gatorade and Oasis Purified Drinking Water.

After the race's end, marathoners gathered in SPEC for the prize-giving ceremony, to eat, to receive post-race treatment and to collect memorabilia. It was an exhausted but (mostly) satisfied crowd.

"I've been training for this since Ash Wednesday," one runner said smiling, turning his medal around in his hand.

Even the ones unhappy with their race times were more determined to do better next year than disappointed. They will certainly get their chance. And they should bring more people with them. After all, 2020's The UWI SPEC International Half-Marathon will be its 17th anniversary. That's 1,700 runners converging on a sleeping campus, waking everybody up with magnificent energy.



An illustration of Kenyan runner Veronica Jepkosgei crossing the finish line at The UWI SPEC International Half-Marathon. Jepkosgei was the woman's winner with a time of 1:18:28. ILLUSTRATION: SPARKLE SMITH.



(From left) Campus Principal Professor Brian Copeland, men's half-marathon winner Didimo Sanchez, women's winner Veronica Jepkosgei and Head of Retail Banking at First Citizens Kurt Headley during the prize-giving ceremony. PHOTO: DAVID RAMCHARAN



Gerard Uric celebrates on the final stretch.



VETERAN half-marathoner Roy Riley receives his prizes by SPEC Director Ms Grace Jackson. Among them is a copy of Spectator, the official race magazine. Riley, who is 80-years-old and has run the last 10 UWI SPEC half-marathons, is starring on the cover of the publication. PHOTO: DAVID RAMCHARAN



## ■ CAMPUS NEWS

**Omari Joseph, a final-year International Tourism Management student at The UWI St Augustine, is the Caribbean winner of the #IdeasForTheFuture essay competition organised by the Central Bank of Trinidad and Tobago (CBTT) and the CAF – Development Bank of Latin America. #IdeasForTheFuture is one of the activities promoted by the CAF to celebrate its 50th anniversary, and aims for discussion on ideas that contribute to sustainable development and regional integration by promoting the best university talents in Latin America and the Caribbean.**

Omari's essay 'Becoming Roadworthy: Improving Innovation and Labour Productivity in Latin America and the Caribbean' explores the reasons for the underutilisation of human capital in the region and looks at the skills necessary for the future of work. The essay also identifies investments needed for integrating with global value chains as well as the role small and medium enterprises play in a more competitive and productive region. The potential impacts of higher productivity and innovation within are also discussed.

"This contest is a worthwhile initiative that encourages us to engage with practical issues affecting the region, generate solutions and discover how our ideas can impact and improve the region," Omari says.

Born in Saint Lucia, raised in Guyana, and studying in Trinidad and Tobago, the Department of Management Studies student epitomises the Caribbean citizen. Apart from his BSc at the Faculty of Social Sciences, he takes co-curricular courses in French for multilingual competence.

Dr Alvin Hilaire, CBTT Governor, commented on Joseph's unique and compelling treatment of the subject. Gianpiero Leoncini, CAF Representative in Trinidad and Tobago, said, "on the occasion of our 50th anniversary, we want to promote the exchange of ideas among students to build a more prosperous and inclusive country and region. Trinidad and Tobago's youth have an enormous talent that can contribute to sustainable development and integration, and to building a better future."

With this win Omari qualifies to compete for the US\$2,000 award reserved for the winner of the Latin America and the Caribbean contest which will be announced on November 7 at the CAF Conference in Quito, Ecuador.

## FSS student Omari Joseph Wins Caribbean Phase of #IdeasForTheFuture Essay Competition



Omari Joseph (centre) is congratulated by Central Bank Governor Dr Alvin Hilaire (left) and CAF Representative Gianpiero Leoncini.



**STUDENTS SHINE:** Emmanuel Joseph, a first-year student at the Faculty of Humanities and Education, displays his \$10,000 cheque after winning the UWI Got Talent competition. Emmanuel was 1 of 16 undergraduate performers to take part in the grand finals held on October 5 at the Daaga Auditorium on the St Augustine Campus. He mesmerised the crowd with his renditions of *Pan in A Minor* and *Ola* on the steelpan. Presented by the Guild of Students and Division of Student Services and Development (DSSD), the event showcased students' talents in voice, dance, music and the performing arts.



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## ■ OUR CAMPUS



He is one of the Caribbean's most recognised writers and scholars of political history – Professor Emeritus Selwyn Ryan. And on October 30, 2019 a gathering of Trinidad and Tobago's leaders in politics and academia, including Prime Minister Dr Keith Rowley, came together at The UWI St Augustine Campus for the launch of his latest book, *Ryan Recalls – Selwyn Ryan: His Memoirs*.

Held at the School of Education Auditorium, the event was hosted by The UWI St Augustine's Alma Jordan Library and also celebrated the

donation of Professor Ryan's collection of manuscripts, correspondence and scrapbooks to the university.

Among the speakers at the launch were The UWI St Augustine Faculty of Law Dean Professor Rose-Marie Belle Antoine, who was acting Campus Principal at the time; former Campus Principal, President of the Caribbean Development Bank and renowned regional academic Professor Emeritus Compton Bourne; and Senior Librarian and Head of the AJL's West Indiana and Special Collections Division Dr Glenroy Taitt.

Dr Roy McCree, Senior Fellow at the Sir Arthur Lewis Institute of Social and Economic Studies at The UWI St Augustine (SALISES) and editor of the memoir, also spoke, while Jan Ryan, the author's wife, read on behalf of her husband.

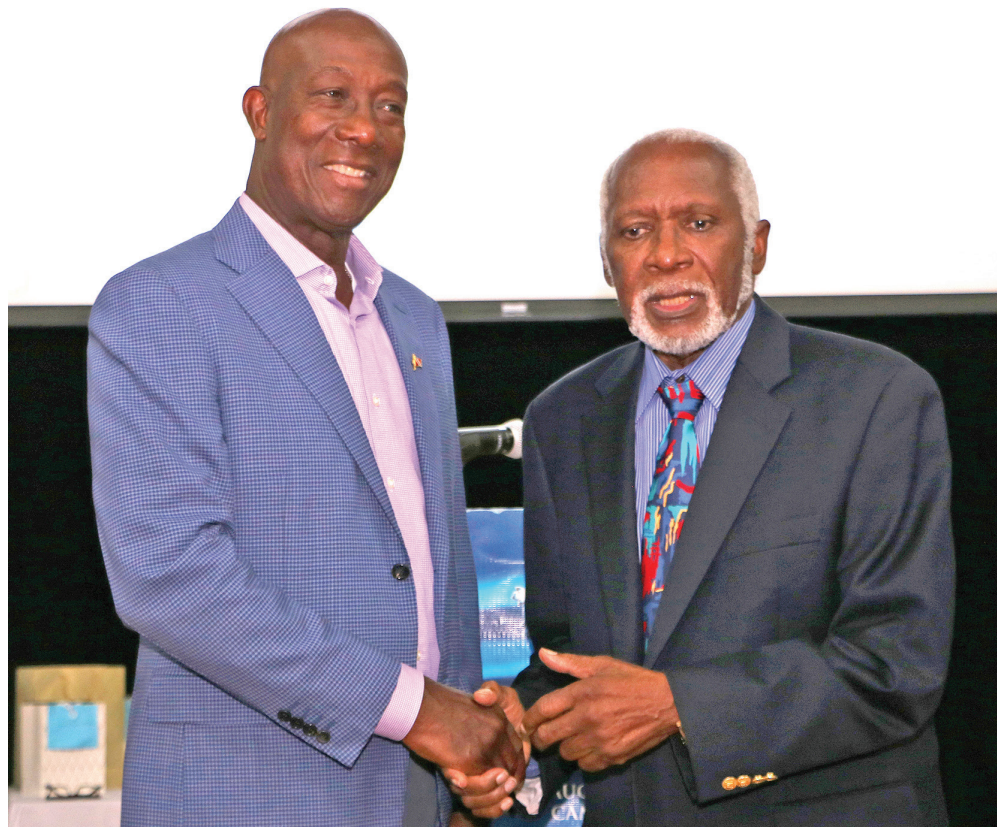
A prolific writer, Selwyn Ryan's body of work includes newspaper columns, academic papers and articles for journals, featuring noteworthy moments in the political history of Trinidad and Tobago and the region.

His memoir, he says, "is therefore not a typical academic book, but contains writings or preoccupations that I have held over the years. Along the journey, I met many interesting personalities and I tried to tell my story in a simple manner so that it could be read by readers at all levels."

Of the collection, Professor Ryan says it "brings together some of the many papers and photographs found amongst the boxes and files of my work over the years."

## Ryan Recalls

The master of political history tells his own story



Prime Minister Dr Keith Rowley with Professor Emeritus Selwyn Ryan at the book launch. PHOTO: ANEEL KARIM

In its relatively short history as a region of independent islands, the Caribbean has held fast to certain ideas of development. We have pursued economic regional integration through the CARICOM Single Market and Economy (CSME). We seek out development financing from international sources, including foreign direct investment. But how well have these ideas served us? Is it time to think differently?

These were the questions asked at the two-day symposium "The Caribbean on the Edge: Rising Above the Orthodoxy of Development Thinking," hosted by The UWI St Augustine's Institute of International Relations (IIR) in September 2019. Held at The University Inn and Conference Centre, and bringing together leading regional and international scholars in development, economics and international affairs, the symposium was convened in tribute to the late Sir Alister McIntyre.

"We wanted to call into question the very foundation of development thinking and critique it," said Dr Dave Seerattan, lecturer at the IIR and member of the organising committee for the event.

Broken up into four themes – the philosophical underpinnings of development, economic integration, development financing and foreign affairs – the presenters examined and found flaws in the region's development paradigms.

The discussions ranged from the suitability and risks of economic liberalism for small economies such as those of the Caribbean, the questionable benefits of development financing (one presentation showed a net outflow of foreign capital in the region over the last decade), and the viability of the CSME in its current form.

Trade and Industry Minister Senator Paula Gopee-Scoon provided the feature address on the opening day of the symposium while Professor Emeritus Compton Bourne

## REGIONAL INTEGRATION, FOREIGN INVESTMENT, FOREIGN AFFAIRS

Sir Alister McIntyre tribute event asks us to question dominant ideas on Caribbean development



Symposium participants (from left) IIR lecturer Dr Dave Seerattan; Deputy Division Chief of Caribbean Division 1 in the Western Hemisphere Division of the IMF Dr Arnold McIntyre; UWI Professor of Practice Winston Dookeran; Professor Emeritus Compton Bourne; St Augustine Campus Principal Professor Brian Copeland; IIR Director Professor Jessica Byron; Citibank (T&T) Vice President Nicholas McIntyre; and UWI Pro-Vice Chancellor of Graduate Studies and Research Professor Stephen Gift.

gave a keynote address on the "Developmental Contribution of Sir Alister McIntyre."

Sir Alister, who served as both Vice-Chancellor of The UWI and Secretary General of CARICOM among numerous other posts, was committed to Caribbean development and integration. He passed away on April 20, 2019.

In her opening remarks, IIR Director Professor Jessica Byron said, "Sir Alister was a brilliant economist, technocrat and diplomat whose life embodied public service to the entire Caribbean and the international community. He was a committed regionalist concerned with finding solutions

to the development challenges not only of the Caribbean but of the global South."

Over the course of the two-day symposium, presentations were given by a stellar list of leaders in academia, diplomacy and industry such as The UWI Professor of Practice Winston Dookeran, Deputy Chairman of the Guardian Group Peter Ganteaume, Professor of International Relations at the University of Alberta Andy Knight, and Sir Arthur Lewis Institute of Social and Economic Studies (SALISES) Director Dr Hamid Ghany.



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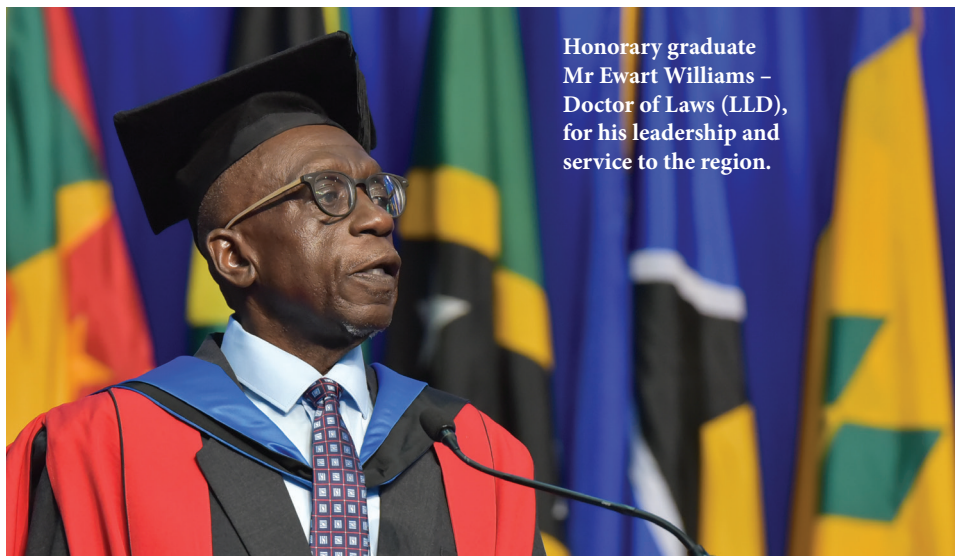


UWI Chancellor Mr Robert Bermudez PHOTOS: GUYTN OTTLEY

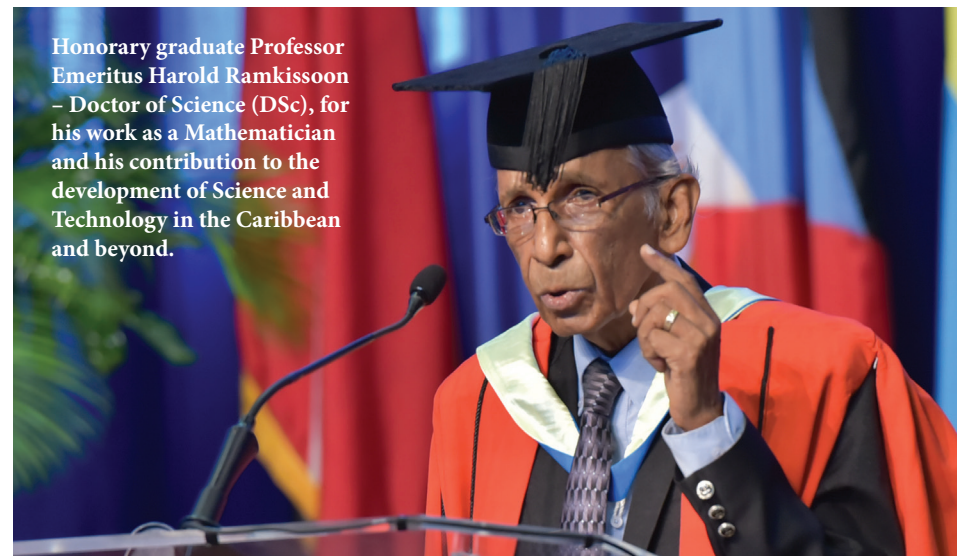
**The years of study have paid off.** Graduation. Thousands of new graduates will now go forth – perhaps to begin or continue their professional lives, or further their education. Not only have they been equipped with the knowledge and skills to make their way in the world outside of the campus, they have also formed friendships and shared experiences that will live on in their minds well past their days as UWI students. *Congratulations, graduating class of 2019!*



Honorary graduate Mr Pelham Goddard (centre) – Doctor of Letters (DLitt), with UWI Vice-Chancellor Professor Sir Hilary Beckles (left) and Professor Christine Carrington, UWI St Augustine's Public Orator. Mr Goddard was recognised for his work in music production and entertainment.



Honorary graduate Mr Ewart Williams – Doctor of Laws (LLD), for his leadership and service to the region.



Honorary graduate Professor Emeritus Harold Ramkissoon – Doctor of Science (DSc), for his work as a Mathematician and his contribution to the development of Science and Technology in the Caribbean and beyond.



Campus Principal Professor Brian Copeland adjusting his mortarboard. PHOTO: ATIBA CUDJOE



The handing over of a graduation scroll.



The mace-bearer carrying the ceremonial mace.





Valedictorian Raquel Le Blanc



Valedictorian Jonathan Crichlow



**Although the six valedictorians representing seven faculties** at The UWI brought perspectives located mainly within their various disciplines, there was one pervading motif in all their speeches: collective action.

That rallying call was also the central point made by The UWI Chancellor Robert Bermudez as he addressed each of the graduating classes and spoke about the threats to humanity and the planet through environmental destruction.

“Climate action is not a call to step backwards into the past...rather a call for a great leap forward to save the human race from self-destruction. We speak about destroying our planet, but in reality, we are not harming the planet; what we are doing is destroying the environment that sustains our life on this planet.”

Chancellor Bermudez said that while efforts were sometimes made, more had to be done. “We know that climate change is not a hoax; we bear the scars to prove it,” he said, challenging graduates to be activists and to persuade governments to act.

“I urge you to add your voices to support this movement; your support through sustained advocacy and activism will be critical in influencing the action at the level of our governments. Individual actions are commendable, but collective

action is critical. You have to think globally and act locally.”

The Chancellor addressed each of the six graduation exercises held at The UWI, St Augustine Campus from October 24-26.

Each valedictorian spoke about their commitment to becoming more active participants in matters affecting society, and in one way or another, endorsed the idea that collective action was the only way to achieve meaningful change.

Shaquille Duncan, speaking for the Faculties of Science and Technology, and of Food and Agriculture, set a stirring challenge. “Currently, our region is under threat from the worst environmental phenomenon it has ever faced. With an increase in natural disasters and rising sea levels, Small Island Developing States need us more than ever. Let us not wait for others to find solutions to our problems.”

Stressing that it was important to apply the skills they had learnt, to be agents of transformation and to achieve all-round development, Naomi La Croix from the Faculty of Social Sciences said, “Is there a problem in society you can’t let go of? What about the things that hold this world captive? How can you provide hope? Many of us, after we leave university, spend most of our lives in boxes. Maybe it’s an eight-by-ten box, also known as a cubicle; maybe it’s

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# VALEDICTORIANS TAKE ACTION





## GRADUATION CEREMONIES 2019

Valedictorians:  
N, TOGETHER

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a two-by-two box, also known as the mind [whose boundaries] most of us remain trapped within. However, I'm encouraging you to choose to recognise now that this pattern of living does not benefit you or society, because even though graduation provides legitimacy of transition in life, and the robes we wear are materialistic markers of this, for change to truly exist, we must act on it. We must not stay within our comfort zone."

Marcus Bridgemohansingh, also from the Faculty of Social Sciences, shared similar sentiments. "Do what you feel passionate about. If you see an opportunity in front of you, grasp it! We all have ideas; we have passion, but we often hold back on these. Get up and take chances. Come out of your comfort zone."

And while students were told to lift themselves out of complacency, Amanda Mendes, speaking on behalf of the Faculty of Humanities and Education, urged her peers to look after their mental health as life stresses have become more pervasive and complex in today's world.

"Prioritise your mental health throughout all phases, be it stable or unstable in this waiting period. Look out for each other, foster strong relationships among your friends and family and aim high for collective growth, not just



Valedictorian Marcus Bridgemohansingh



Valedictorian Amanda Mendes



Valedictorian Naomi La Croix



Valedictorian Shaquille Joshua Duncan



UWI St Augustine mascot Peli gives a graduate a congratulatory "bounce". For more on Peli see page 11.

personal. I urge you to remember that your perspective positions you."

Jonathan Crichlow from the Faculty of Medical Sciences offered a view that living responsibly was a path to happiness.

"Every single person here is seeking two things: happiness and fulfilment. Now, I am no philosopher like Hippocrates – we never pitched marbles – but I believe that taking up responsibility will provide meaning in our lives. In the same way that our existence became a source of purpose for our parents, assuming responsibility over our patients will guide us to happiness and fulfilment in life. Showing love and kindness, whether it be to citizen or non-citizen, human or animal, will not only touch them by safeguarding their lives, but will also provide us with direction."

That idea of taking responsibility as a shared duty was echoed from a different corner by Raquel Le Blanc, speaking for both the Faculties of Engineering, and of Law.

"We are the new generation of fearless attorneys and engineers who must propel our region into the future. It's our duty, our shared responsibility."

At the end of the ceremonies, it was clear that the 2019 graduating class would not be saying goodbye after all, because for them to share collective action, they have to become a community.





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# ALWAYS FINDING HIS WAY BACK HOME

## PROFESSOR WINSTON A RICHARDS

STATISTICIAN, SCHOLAR AND LOYAL MEMBER OF THE UWI

BY AMY LI BAKSH

When Professor Winston A Richards left Trinidad in 1955 to study at Marquette University in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, he did not know his love of maths and statistics would allow him to change the world. However, even with his international success the professor hasn't forgotten his roots. Every year he returns to UWI St Augustine to be part of the graduation ceremonies and present the academic prize bearing his name.

Having studied and worked at several universities around the world over the 60 or so years that followed, Professor Richards is always drawn back to The UWI and the island he came from. "I come back at least once a year, sometimes twice. I just enjoy coming back to Trinidad... My favourite thing about coming back is to see old friends and assist the younger generation of statisticians," says the Professor. On his 75<sup>th</sup> birthday, he was celebrated at The UWI and decided to set up the Winston A. Richards Prize in Statistics at the Faculty of Science and Technology (FST) Annual Prizes and Awards Ceremony. Ariel Stewart is this year's winner.

Professor Richards's work in statistics is rooted in the practical as much as in a love of the numbers themselves. According to him, statistics is more important to the fabric of our society than we realise.

"A knowledge and understanding of numbers, particularly related to collecting statistical data, is essential for a healthy democracy," he says. As he points out, the leaders of a country must have a way to tell what the people want, what affects them most, and ultimately how to change their lives for the better if they are to uphold their duties to the country they serve."

In Professor Richards's seminar on October 24, entitled 'My Life as a Statistician', he wove together the personal, academic and activist aspects of his life, including details of some of his ground-breaking work. His study of the Three Mile Island Nuclear Generating Station in Dauphin County Pennsylvania, following a partial meltdown of a reactor at their power-generating plant in March 1979, revealed a significant increase (50 per cent) in infant mortality. This information paved the way for a massive movement against the plant for the increase in cancer and other medical issues in persons living in close proximity to the reactors. This was a turning point in the US nuclear power industry, and much of that information would never have come to light if not for statistics.

For the upcoming generation of scholars, academics and activists, Professor Richards had some timely words of wisdom: "Our country is a young democracy and a love of statistics is essential if we are going to keep the country democratic."

*Amy Li Baksh is a Trinidadian writer, artist and activist whomakes art to uplift and amplify the unheard voices in our society.*



PHOTO: GUYTON OTTLEY



## ■ OUR PEOPLE

**If you work on the UWI St Augustine Campus** then most likely you have seen or know Aneel Karim. Perhaps you have spotted him driving around on errands in the white Marketing and Communications Office van. Maybe you've encountered him making deliveries at your faculty or administrative building. These days the best place to see him is with a camera in hand taking photos at the numerous campus events (*many of those photos enhance the articles in UWI Today every month*).

But if you've worked at UWI St Augustine for a bit longer you'd know something else about Aneel - he has changed his life dramatically through diet and exercise.

This past October, Aneel took part in the UWI SPEC International Half-Marathon. It was his first time and a symbol of the progress he has made.

"It feels really good," he says of the accomplishment. "I didn't think I could have done anything like this."

Just three years ago, he most likely would not have been able to do it. Aneel had poor eating habits:

"Back then it was anything - doubles, aloo pie, pholourie, saheena, fast food. I used to knock down sometimes five baigan pies by the vendors at O'Meara Rd. I used to drink sometimes four or five 20z Cokes a day. When I had to drop my son or my daughter to school, afterwards coming back to work I would buy one. When I go out for mail I would buy one. People who know me know Karim always had a coke in his hand."

Aneel was much heavier then, wearing a waist 40 pants and having a rounder face. Thankfully there were no major health problems related to his lifestyle but he did suffer from stress. That changed in 2016.

It was Christmas Eve and he and his family (wife Nyhla, daughter Salma and son Ansar) were at home when he suddenly had problems breathing. The discomfort lasted the entire night. Then it happened again and he had to stay overnight at the Eric Williams Medical Sciences Complex in Mt Hope.

The tests did not reveal any ailments. Nevertheless, these incidents were enough to make him decide to change:

"After that I said 'Aneel, you need to check yourself.' It's true, one day we all have to go, but nah, I had to fight this thing. If you have to go, you don't want to go like that."

And he fought. Emphasising that it was a gradual process, Aneel cut out the bad foods and soft drinks (he hasn't had a Coke in about three years). He ran every day, anywhere, "any savannah I could find," he says.

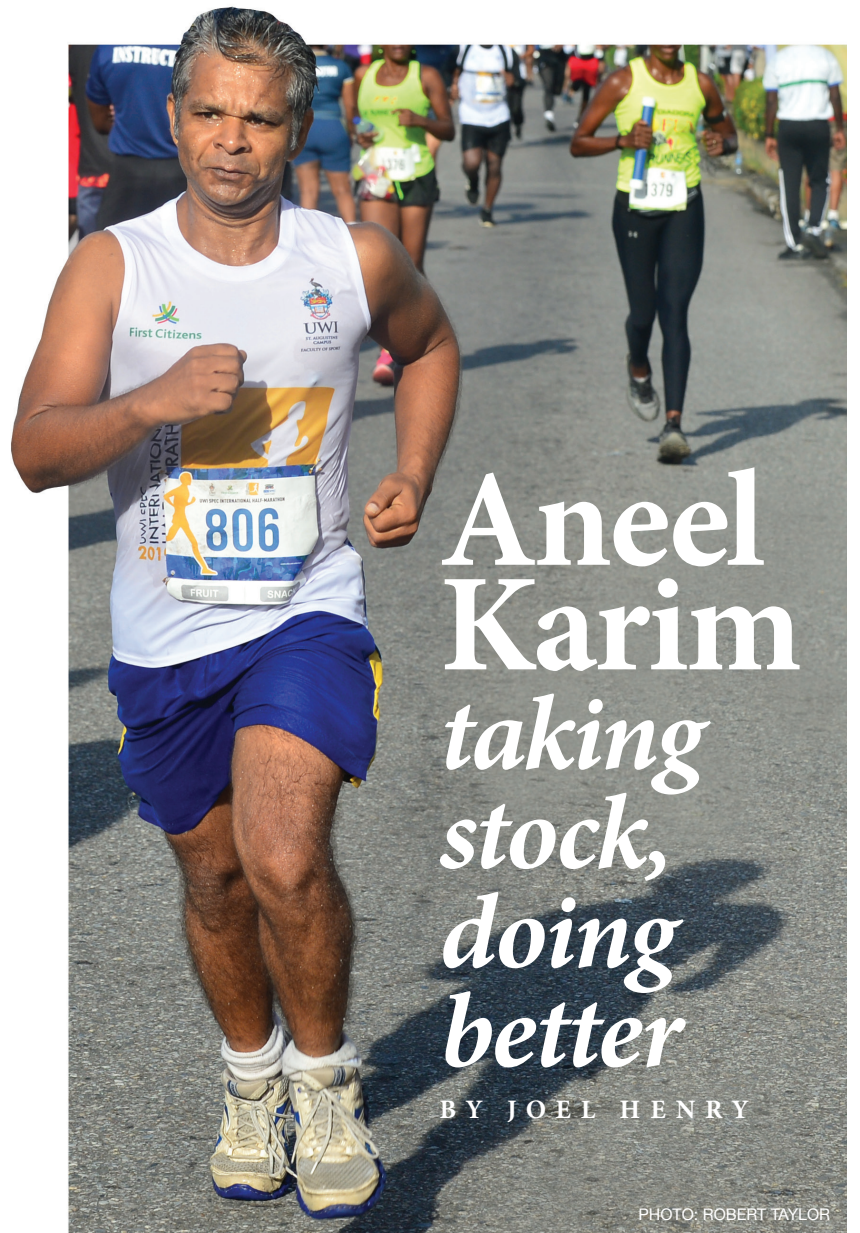
Aneel also does bodyweight exercises like pushups and is a follower of social media fitness expert Jordan Yeoh, who he considers a major inspiration. Like Yeoh, who himself transformed his life through diet and exercise, the one-time waist 40-holder had to buy a new waist 34 pants earlier this year. He is now down to the last belt hole.

When asked how he was able to achieve this when so many people cannot maintain their healthy lifestyle habits, he points to the support of his family, especially Nyhla, who makes healthy meals for him.

But he also believes his achievement was based on facing his issues and making a conscious effort to do better:

"I am thankful to be alive. You never know what could have happened. You as the individual know how you feel. You have to take the step. I am not a fitness person or health conscious person per say, but I took stock of myself."

It's one of the most valuable lessons anyone should learn, even in an institution of learning.



# Aneel Karim taking stock, doing better

BY JOEL HENRY

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**If you look closely at The UWI's crest**, the Pelican stands proudly atop. The brown bird is a reminder of The UWI's Caribbean roots. This was originally suggested by Sir Thomas Taylor, the first Principal of the University College in his capacity as chair in 1949. The pelican evolved as The UWI's symbol, which is why students, staff and alumni proudly display "Pelican Pride" in the achievements of our regional University.

To embody the emblematic spirit of The UWI Pelican is no small feat. Here at The UWI St Augustine, our beloved mascot "Peli" is simultaneously always on display while being completely anonymous. And Peli's anonymity is taken very seriously. Peli is never to be seen without mascot attire and Peli's identity, never to be revealed. The campus, tries its best to maintain the mascot's mystique since Peli flies between cheering on athletes and audiences at The UWI Games to posing for photos with shy first-year students at the First Year Experience (FYE) New Student Orientation among other responsibilities.

At this year's Graduation Ceremony for the Faculty of Humanities and Education (FHE), Peli was revealed. Meet Dwayne White Jr, the man who has been donning white feathers and a large orange bill for the past two years. Dwayne graduated this year with a BA in Theatre Arts and that's no surprise since he's been performing practically all his life. "I've been involved in the arts since secondary school and took part in many plays. I love the essence of performing, whether it's mascots or masks. I just love to masquerade."

He describes his introduction to Peli as being made possible thanks to the Head of the Department of Creative and Festival Arts (DCFA), Mr Louis McWilliams, who told him that the Marketing and Communications Office was looking for someone to fill the orange webbed shoes. "Who better to introduce a mascot than someone from the arts? I loved my interactions with Marketing and I decided to do it."

# The Man behind the Mascot

BY JEANETTE GAWAI



PELI HIMSELF, and graduate of the Faculty of Humanities and Education, Dwayne White Jr. PHOTO: ATIBA CUDJOE

Dwayne has only one word when recounting his experience as Peli, "Vibes. Peli is vibes. I like how people don't know who I am. I have a love for communication and a lot of people are not sensitised to the mascot, so I was grateful that they met Peli through me and that I could be a representation of The UWI campus."

Dwayne wants to continue his career as a performer,

"I want to pursue my Master's in a couple of years in either drama therapy or performing. I'm from Tobago so I'll be back and forth between there and Trinidad and involved with the NGO Arts in Action (AiA). I'll also be freelancing so I can be Peli still!"

Wherever Dwayne migrates in the future, we know he will always soar to exceptional heights.



## SPECIAL EDUCATION

Many of us remember those classmates from our school days – the disruptive ones who were always performing antics. Teachers openly labelled them “miserable.”

In recent years, more parents and teachers are recognising that more often than not these learners may have special education needs or some other exceptionality. What may be perceived as unruly behaviour is a coping mechanism or symptom. Public awareness has helped guardians understand there are ways to help. The staff at the recently opened Psychoeducational Diagnostic and Intervention Clinic (PEDIC), guided by team lead Professor Jerome De Lisle, is poised to provide this type of assistance.

“We offer diagnostic assessments for children with both learning and behavioural challenges,” explains Dr Korinne Louison, manager of PEDIC and lecturer of Clinical Psychology at UWI St Augustine’s School of Education (SoE). The PEDIC operating committee develops diagnostic assessments, consultations and interventions which help address student issues.

They employ a multi-disciplinary approach with clinical psychologists, and reading and learner interventionist specialists. They also partner with speech and language pathologists, and behavioural and occupational therapists, and have links with paediatricians and psychiatrists. Their holistic approach is essential for effective intervention.

Committee member, Dr Elna Carrington-Blaides, lecturer at the SoE and Coordinator, Master of Education Inclusive and Special Education explains, “It’s so necessary and so important because you might assume that you’re just planning for attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) when in fact you also need to consult a specialist on learning disabilities or reading or some other co-occurring disability.”

To effect real change, a new mindset is necessary. “The public’s perception of disabilities tends to be very limited,” states committee member Dr Paulson Skerrit, lecturer at the SoE and Reading/Dyslexia Assessment and Intervention Specialist. “A lot of students are just struggling with a challenge, and if that challenge is removed, it’s like removing a barrier for them.”

Dr Skerrit affirms that PEDIC’s mission involves breaking down these barriers with high quality assessment and interventions using evidence-based, culturally relevant practice.

Dr Louison advocates change at the policy level. “I don’t think people appreciate the risks associated with under identification and under treatment,” she observes. “Children with special education needs, if left untreated, are at increased risk of school drop-out, academic failure, underemployment, unemployment, substance abuse and criminal activity.”

PEDIC works to ensure their services are low cost and accessible. Dr Louison notes their charges are well below the market rate. She envisages one day making their services fully accessible to the public.

PEDIC is also conducting essential research. Their current statistics are from foreign countries and are decades old. They are in the initial phases of a study of the prevalence of ADHD and reading disabilities, the knowledge and attitudes of teachers when it comes to these issues, the attitudes of children toward reading and the lived experiences of parents with children with these conditions in Trinidad and Tobago.

The clinic also provides work-based learning opportunities for professionals. Dr Skerrit stresses the need to close the gap between “knowing and doing” for teachers with a clinical component packaged in their training. Currently they are also training several Ministry of Education employees with a blended ADHD programme.

The work of PEDIC could lead to real change in our nation’s path to inclusive education. Already they have received very positive feedback. Their clients have made progress because of the team’s commitment and approach. The committee has ambitious plans for the future.

# PEDIC

*Supporting children with learning and behavioural needs*

BY DIXIE-ANN BELLE

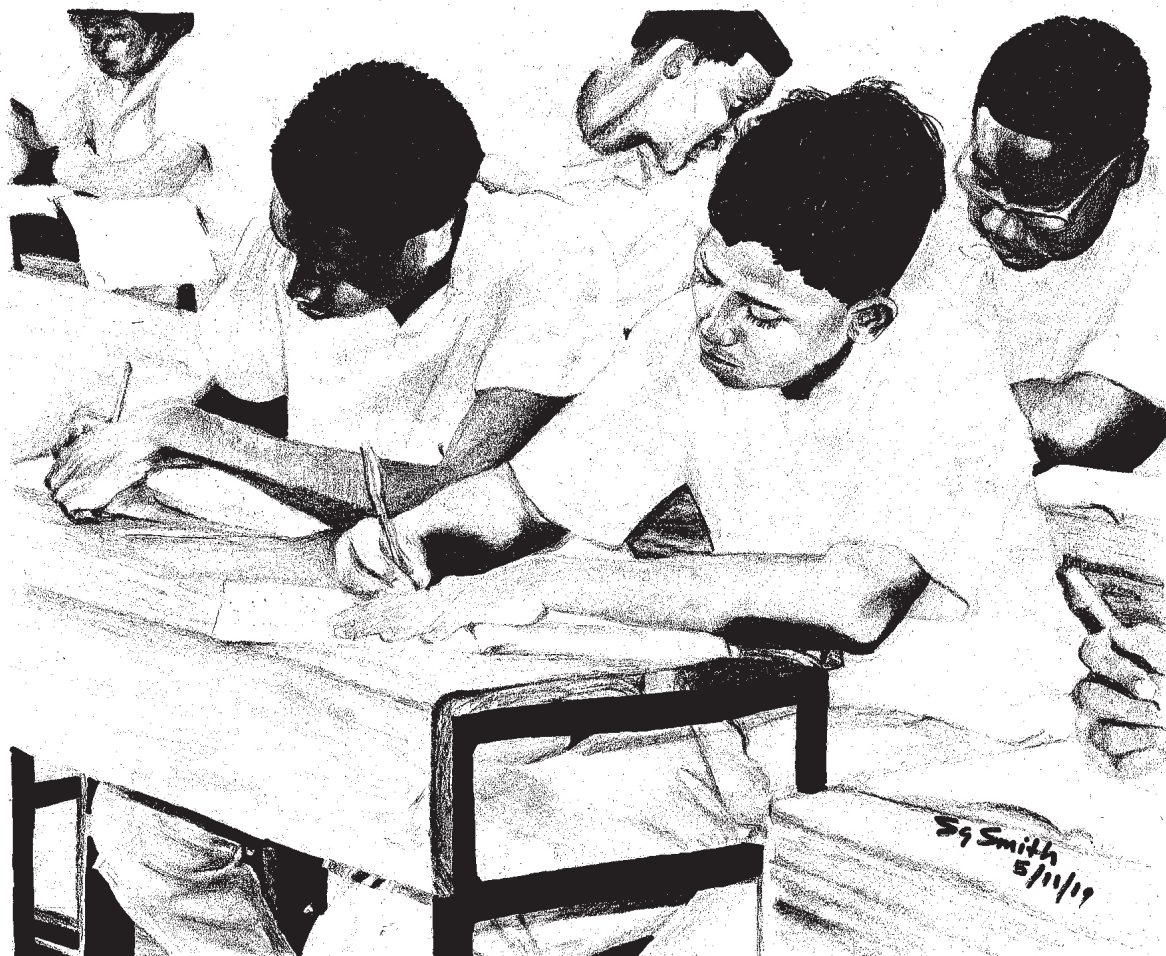


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Dr Korinne Louison



Dr Paulson Skerrit



Dr Elna Carrington-Blaides



Professor Jerome De Lisle

Dr Louison plans for how they will interact with students: “We have to approach the work we do with a client centred philosophy – recognising that people come with a variety of values and needs.”

Dr Carrington-Blaides talks about working closely with educators, “We are in a unique position to interact with teachers who are actually seeing what is happening in the field.”

She adds, “We hear time and time again that we don’t know how to deal with these children.... I think that adding that practical clinical component to the programme... is really going to make the difference”. She envisions this as a developing model for PEDIC with “clinicians partnering with the academics and making PEDIC a real hub of activity.”

Dr Skerrit anticipates the benefits of a reading clinic they are developing. “We’re planning to offer a master’s in reading, and one of the challenges has been having reading programmes that do not have a clinical component.” He explains that while working with PEDIC, the students accumulate experience in assessing reading and providing intervention under the supervision of programme lecturers.

The vision of PEDIC is encapsulated in their motto “learning for all,” and with their commitment to improving access, awareness and training, there is hope that more of the underserved learners touted as “miserable” children will find the understanding, support and help they need to reach their full potential.



## FOOD

# A reference for the BREADFRUIT RENAISSANCE

BY JOEL HENRY

On October 2, Professor of Crop Science and Production at the Faculty of Food and Agriculture (FFA) Laura Roberts-Nkrumah launched her book *The Breadfruit Germplasm Collection* at UWI St Augustine. It's the product of over two decades of research into breadfruit in the Caribbean. But more than that, the book is an important block in the building of a vibrant breadfruit industry.

A new outlook is taking shape in how this traditional food item is viewed, driven by researchers, and those interested in food security, nutrition, entrepreneurship and export. It's not happening as quickly as it should. Breadfruit is still "neglected and under-utilised" the professor says, but work is being done to change perceptions. *The Breadfruit Germplasm Collection* is a visible sign of that progress.

"Between the covers of this book is a wealth of information on the germplasm collections studied, which, if used, should promote sustainable commercial production and utilisation of breadfruit for food and nutrition security in the Caribbean and similar areas," said Professor Emeritus E Julian Duncan, Professor of Botany at the Department of Life Sciences, Faculty of Science and Technology, at the book launch at UWI St Augustine's Alma Jordan Library.

*The Breadfruit Germplasm*, published by UWI Press, is a collaborative work between the FFA and the Jamaica Agricultural Development Foundation. The book identifies the different varieties of breadfruit available in the Caribbean, describes their characteristics and provides comparative information. The goal is to give producers (farmers), processors (manufacturers of breadfruit-based products) and consumers an easy-to-understand guide to this "super food."

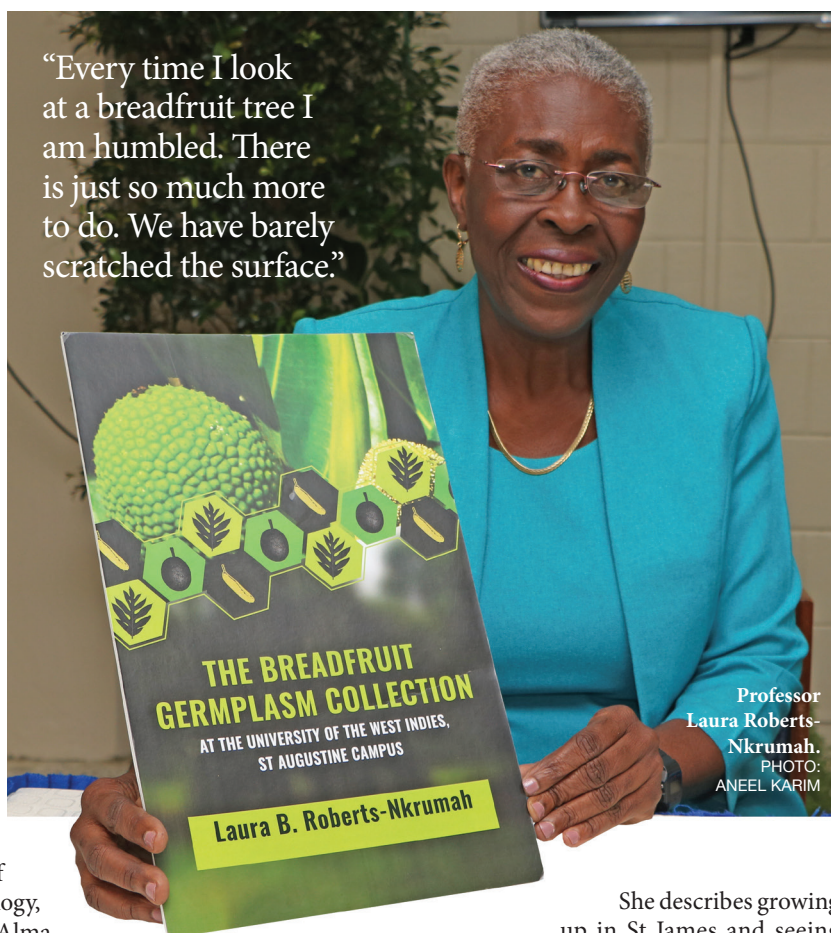
Professor Roberts-Nkrumah stresses that it is "not a scientific text." She says, "we have really worked to make this book as user friendly as possible. The information is accessible. We want the whole industry to become more sophisticated in their understanding of the varieties of breadfruit."

The book includes over 50 basic descriptors for each variety, an evaluation of their performance and also a picture. There are also summary tables to compare the different types of breadfruit. The last chapter discusses the differences and what they mean, as well as her research methodology.

For Jamaica, where the book was launched at the UWI Mona Campus in September, *The Breadfruit Germplasm* will enhance their export business (Jamaica is leading the way in breadfruit exports). But the author says her primary focus is food security.

"Essentially, we are a food insecure region. And there is no good reason for that," Professor Roberts-Nkrumah says.

"Every time I look at a breadfruit tree I am humbled. There is just so much more to do. We have barely scratched the surface."



Professor  
Laura Roberts-  
Nkrumah.  
PHOTO:  
ANEEL KARIM

She describes growing up in St James and seeing "large breadfruit trees laden with fruit." People, she said, "would probably harvest one or two occasionally and the rest would waste."

As far back as the 1980s when she was employed in agricultural development work she started looking at the potential of breadfruit. At the UWI she interacted with colleagues who were interested as well and had even done work on the potential - and limitations - of a breadfruit industry.

One of the major recommendations was greater variety in the types of breadfruit available to deal with limitations such as the short lifespan and seasonality of local types. This is what prompted her proposal to expand the germplasm (living genetic material such as plant seeds) to include more varieties. Professor Roberts-Nkrumah's research involved identifying the existing "cultivars" in the Caribbean (in Trinidad and Tobago, Jamaica and St Vincent) and importing new ones.

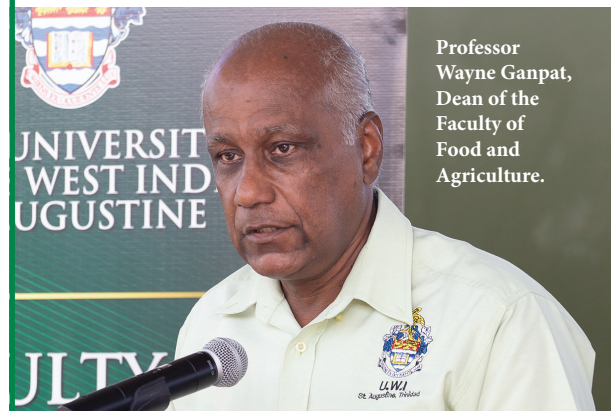
Despite the book's completion, she says there is still much work to be done:

"Every time I look at a breadfruit tree I am humbled. There is just so much more to do. We have barely scratched the surface."

She has included student researchers in her work as well as collaborating with colleagues in the FFA and other faculties in the hope that others will continue the study of this super food. Her dream is that breadfruit in its many forms will rise to feed Caribbean society.

"It's our food supply. It's our responsibility."

## FFA HOLDS WORLD FOOD DAY TREE PLANTING



Professor  
Wayne Ganpat,  
Dean of the  
Faculty of  
Food and  
Agriculture.

On the morning of Wednesday, October 16 The UWI St Augustine's Agriculture Innovation Park in Trincity was abuzz with activity for the "105 to Stay Alive" tree planting ceremony in commemoration of World Food Day. The event was hosted by the Faculty of Food and Agriculture (FFA). The crowd of volunteer planters that gathered included students and staff of the FFA, members of the National 4H Council and students from schools in the vicinity of the St Augustine Campus, in particular CSEC students pursuing agricultural science.

World Food Day, recognised annually on October 16, was created by the international Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations and is celebrated by over 150 countries in the world. This year the FFA showed its support for the World Food Day theme "Healthy Diets for a #ZeroHunger World" with the planting of 105 breadfruit trees.

While at the tree planting ceremony, FFA Dean Professor Wayne Ganpat stated, "The FFA is pleased to be a part of this initiative. We choose to promote the breadfruit to the national community because it is a nutritious source of food, can be prepared in a variety of ways, grows successfully in a range of soil types and can be easily managed."

Research has shown that the breadfruit is no ordinary crop. The super food, popularly known in the Caribbean, has diverse characteristics and is loaded with carbohydrates, antioxidants, calcium, dietary fibre, magnesium, niacin and omega-3. Breadfruit trees are one of the highest yielding food plants known and one tree can produce anywhere between 50 to 150 fruits per year.

PHOTOS: KEYON MITCHELL





## INTERNATIONAL CREOLE MONTH

# From John Jacob Thomas to Lawrence D. Carrington

## *Patois Pioneers of the Past and Present*

BY DR JO-ANNE FERREIRA

**French Creole/Patois is the second most spoken language** in the Caribbean after Spanish, with over 13 million in 10 nations in the region and throughout the diaspora (English and English Creole following in third place). It also has the greatest number of speakers in CARICOM and is the most important regional language of France, with over 3 million speakers.

One of these ten Caribbean nations is Trinidad, whose flora, fauna, folklore, food and festivals are still linguistically influenced by French Creole. Never officially French, but greatly impacted by French and French Creole speakers since 1783, Trinidad produced two important pioneering scholars in the scientific study of the French Creole language: John Jacob Thomas in 1869 and Lawrence D. Carrington in 1968 and onwards.

Thomas, Trinidad's 19th-century public intellectual, produced the very first grammar of the language of any variety of French Creole anywhere in the world. He was Trinidad's first linguist. Almost one hundred years later, Carrington's study of the St Lucian variety led to the development of the language there and across the Lesser Antilles, including the creation of a standardised alphabet along with his colleagues in the then Université des Antilles et de la Guyane (now Université des Antilles). This year, Carrington was awarded the Chaconia Medal of the Order of the Trinity (Gold) for language and development, a first for Caribbean and Creole linguistics.

October is International Creole Month and is celebrated wherever there are Creole speakers. The UWI, St Augustine Creole Day was the final of several events across Trinidad. Staff and students of the Department of Modern Languages and Linguistics (DMLL) and of the Department of Creative and Festival Arts (DCFA) came together under the broad theme of 'Annou Alé Ansanm' (AAA) – Moving Forward Together, with the Cocoa Research Centre supporting with their traditional cocoa tea.

The highlight of the UWI event was the armchair discussion with specially invited speakers focusing on John Jacob Thomas and his now 150-year-old *The Theory and Practice of Creole Grammar*. Professor Emerita Bridget Brereton contextualised the work of John Jacob Thomas, while Professor Emeritus Lawrence Carrington traced the modern development of the language, and Professor Ian Robertson discussed the importance of *The UWI, St Augustine* in the recognition of Creole Day and Month in Trinidad.

The Departments celebrated the French Creole/Patois language and culture in film, song, song games, theatre, storytelling and dance. Trinidadian communities represented were Arima (Cristo Adonis in storytelling), Paramin (Cassandra Joseph and her three films), and Talparo (Talparo RC School in song). St Lucia was represented by PhD Linguistics candidate and MC Ronald Francis and by Dr Travis Weekes, whose students performed a translated excerpt of a Derek Walcott play. Martinique was represented by Nicole Taylor, Youri Velasques and Dylan Sahabdool, all teachers of French in the DMLL working with their students, and Guadeloupe was represented by a dance student performing to music by Kassav'.

Future UWI Creole Day events will be even bigger and better and the departments encourage everyone to dig even deeper into our Patois past, for better self-understanding and as a move towards greater Caribbean unity.

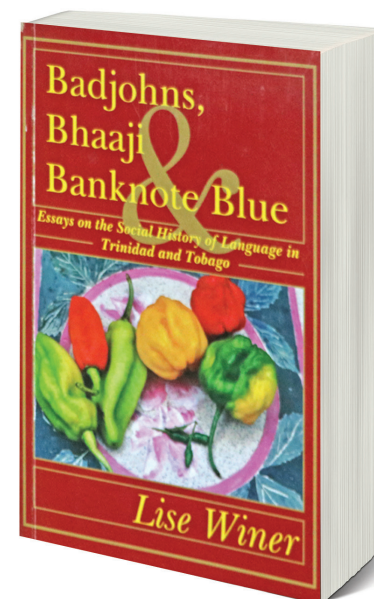


Students from the Talparo RC School wearing traditional madras and floral skirts, typical of Creole culture. PHOTOS: ANEEL KARIM



(From left) Professor Ian Robertson, Professor Emeritus Lawrence Carrington and Professor Emerita Bridget Brereton at the armchair discussion.

Dance student Lennan O'Garro moves to the sound of *Mwen di ou awa* by Kassav'.





## ■ CAMPUS LECTURE

# Living HISTORY

## – in a Will

BY OMEGA FRANCIS

Dr Karen Sanderson Cole deep in the JD Sellier collection of wills and probate documents at the West Indiana and Special Collections Division in the Alma Jordan Library. PHOTO: ANEEL KARIM

“Enough drama to rival *Downton Abbey*,” so says Dr Karen Sanderson Cole, Lecturer in the Academic Literacies Programme at the Modern Languages and Linguistics Department, about a collection of wills and probate documents given to the Alma Jordan Library (AJL).

The documents were offered and delivered to the AJL in 2013 by JD Sellier and Company when, having no further use for them, a member of the firm suggested they could be of value to the West Indiana and Special Collections (WISC) Division at the AJL. There was little hesitation on the library’s part in accepting this collection—which spans from the 1860s to the 1960s—from the oldest law firm still in operation.

“Of course we recognised the importance and potential of the collection,” says Dr Glenroy Taitt, Head of WISC, “not just for persons who may have a legal background, but really it has an interest that transcends disciplines.”

Now, the average person may not understand how a last will and testament could reveal anything as engaging as what occurs on a British historical period drama, but Dr Sanderson Cole has managed to delve into the collection and retrieve the historical and literary gems held within the legal papers. She revealed her findings at a lecture entitled “Researching Wills” held on September 26 at the AJL’s Audio Visual Room.

The event was part of a series of lectures and seminars usually held once a semester by the WISC. “The idea is always to bring to persons’ attention the collections that we have and encouraging people – both within the university and independent researchers – to use the material,” says Dr Taitt.

“Researching Wills” was also part of a very special remembrance for the AJL. “This event is one of a series of events we are using to commemorate our anniversary,” says Deputy Campus Librarian Ms Allison Dolland. “The AJL building will be 50-years-old.”

### NARRATIVES OF HISTORY

It was an exciting task for Dr Sanderson Cole to peruse the huge collection of bound volumes, and what she uncovered was what she termed, “narratives of our



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country.” The documents surrounding the production and probate of a will, as well as the will itself, reveals much of the writer of said will—maybe a bit more to one with a literary mind, however. Some of us may be familiar with novels that have utilised wills as the basis for their plot, such as Henry James’ *The Portrait of a Lady*, which is a prime example of how literature can use wills and conveyance to drive a story.

Of course, when viewing these documents from a literary standpoint one can see the personality of the writers and the relationships they held with their family

members. Many used their will as a way to exact their last bit of control over their family (in the case of the man who bequeathed his wife to his son); to get revenge (in the case of the man who left his legal wife a shilling, “to spend as she sees fit,” but left the “rumoured wife” or mistress, all his worldly possessions); or to showcase the power of the church (in the case of the spinster who willed her property to her friend on the condition that the friend say 25 masses for her soul). What happens after the will has been probated tends to be where the drama occurs.

The investigation of the collection by Dr Sanderson Cole also revealed broad truths about the society. She said she was struck by the number of persons who held mortgages and life insurance policies in and around the Port of Spain area. Their wills pulled back the curtain of what life was like in Trinidad and Tobago in the early 20th Century. Many of the urbanised areas throughout our capital city were residential areas then. The wills of prominent (and not so prominent) families charted how property and possessions changed hands and the relationships between family members.

From the 1870s to early 20th Century, the wills documented another historical nugget: the value of cocoa and coconuts. The itemisation and calculation of these plants’ value was precise and unwavering, down to the last shilling. These were expensive crops and land where they were cultivated held value.

A will from this era can be an interesting tool for those who wish to write about this time period, as they provided a wealth of information on household possessions, the materials houses were built from, as well as the number of rooms, types of rooms, and even the orientation of the kitchen compared to the main house. This precise documentation was necessary to reveal the wealth and value of possessions but can also be used as a historical document on which one can base fictional narratives.

Whether you are a researcher of history, literature or any other field related to society and culture, you will soon be able to access this collection of documents. The staff at the AJL is currently working on creating a database of this trove of history and literature.



# UWI Calendar of Events

## NOVEMBER 2019 – MARCH 2020

### Capitalism and Slavery – 75 Years Later November 13 and 14 • UWI St Augustine

The CARICOM Reparations Commission in collaboration with The UWI Centre for Reparation Research and the Faculty of Humanities and Education will host a two-day symposium to commemorate the 75th year of the publication of Eric Williams' Capitalism and Slavery: Capitalism and Slavery – 75 Years Later. On the 13th there will be an academic symposium. November 14 will focus on schools and the general public.

For updates, please check the Campus Notices and Announcements page at <https://sta.uwi.edu/news/notices/>.

### Special Care Dentistry Workshop November 19 • EWMSC, Mt Hope

The School of Dentistry hosts a workshop on the topic, Jumping into the Deep End: The Why and How of Special Care Dentistry with Professor Maureen Munnely Perry, Director of the Centre for Advanced Oral Health, AT Still University, Arizona School of Dentistry and Oral Health. The workshop takes place from 5 to 7.30pm at the Amphitheatre A at the Eric Williams Medical Sciences Complex. The deadline to RSVP is November 11. RSVP now by calling Denley Le Ben at 645-3232 ext. 4115 or emailing Denley.leben@sta.uwi.edu.

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### DCFA presents A Festival of Plays November 22 to 24 • UWI St Augustine

The Department of Creative and Festival Arts (DCFA) Theatre Arts Unit hosts their annual New Directors Forum – A Festival of Plays at the Learning Resource Centre (LRC). The forum features the works of six student directors. This year's installment includes the following plays:

- **November 22 | 6pm – Douglas Archibald's The Bamboo Clump** directed by Nishard Mohammed and 8pm: Trevor Rhone's School's Out directed by Shelby Outar.
- **November 23 | 6pm – Eric Roach's Calabash of Blood** directed by Neriah Alfred and 8pm: Clinton Duncan's Final Chapter directed by Nickose Layne.
- **November 24 | 4pm – Errol John's The Tout** directed by Oduduwa Aluko (Ifa) and 6pm: The Festival Theatre Company's Sayings directed by Rachel Henry.

Tickets cost \$60 for adults and \$40 for students (one ticket allows you to see two plays) or you can purchase a festival pass for \$150.

For more information, call 272-3232 (272-DCFA) or email DCFA@sta.uwi.edu.

### Palliative Care Workshop November 16 and 17 • UWI St Augustine

The Faculty of Medical Sciences' (FMS) Department of Clinical Surgical Sciences, Anesthesia and Intensive Care Unit and School of Advanced Nursing, in partnership with End of Life Nursing Education Consortium (ELNEC) invite nurses to participate in a palliative care workshop. This two-day workshop will be held at the Teaching and Learning Complex, Circular Road, St Augustine. The workshop will focus on providing nurses with additional skills in dealing with patients who are at the end of their life cycle as a result of Cancer, HIV, Traumatic Brain Injury, Stroke and other serious medical conditions.

To register or for more information, please call 645-3232 ext 2864.

### Mixed Methods Workshop November 18 and 19 • UWI St Augustine

The School of Education, in collaboration with the Mixed Methods International Research Association – Caribbean Chapter (MMIRA-CC), hosts the workshop: "Joint Displays to Facilitate and Represent Mixed Methods Analysis." This two-day workshop will be held from 9am to 4pm at the School of Education.

For more information, please email Tynessa.Gay@sta.uwi.edu or visit the MMIRA-CC website at <https://www.mmiracc.com/>.

### Innovation and Entrepreneurship Webinar feat. Principal Prof Brian Copeland November 27 • Online

The UWI Office of the Pro Vice-Chancellor for Graduate Studies and Research continues their Innovation and Entrepreneurship Webinar Series with a webinar on the topic, "A UWI Innovation and Entrepreneurship Ecosystem for Revitalising Caribbean Economies." The webinar is presented by Professor Brian Copeland, Pro-Vice Chancellor and Campus Principal, The University of the West Indies, St Augustine Campus. Join the webinar happening from 2.30 to 4pm by registering at: [www.uwi.edu/ogsrwebinars](http://www.uwi.edu/ogsrwebinars).

For more information on upcoming webinars and initiatives, email [pvcgradstudies@uwimona.edu.jm](mailto:pvcgradstudies@uwimona.edu.jm) or [thepvcresearch@sta.uwi.edu](mailto:thepvcresearch@sta.uwi.edu).

### Call for Papers – SALISES 2020 Symposium

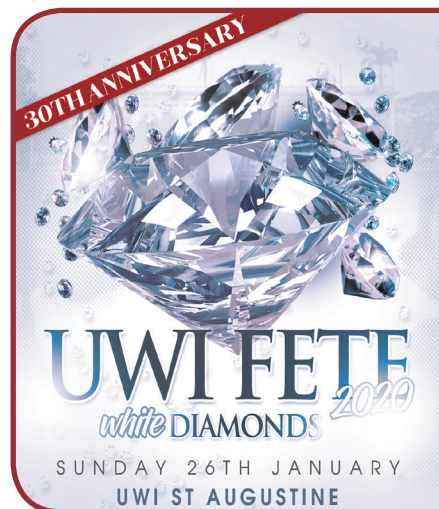
The Sir Arthur Lewis Institute of Social and Economic Studies (SALISES) has issued a call for papers for their one-day symposium on the Life and Work of Sir Arthur Lewis. This symposium is being held in the 50th anniversary year of the creation of the Caribbean Development Bank (CDB) on January 26, 1970 of which Lewis was its first president. The symposium takes place on January 23, 2020 and the deadline for the call for papers is December 22, 2019.

For more information, please visit: <https://sta.uwi.edu/salises/>.

### Call for Abstracts – SALISES 21st Annual Conference

SALISES will host their 21st Annual Conference under the theme, The Rise of Global Populism and its Policy Impact on Caribbean Development. They have issued a call for abstracts for participants to interrogate contradictions, crises, disconnections and policy implications for the Caribbean region. The conference takes place on May 5 to 8, 2020 at the Mt Irvine Bay Hotel and Resort, Tobago.

The deadline for submission of abstracts is December 31, 2019. For more information, email [salises2020@sta.uwi.edu](mailto:salises2020@sta.uwi.edu) and visit: <http://conferences.sta.uwi.edu/salises/>.



### 30 years of UWI Fete January 26, 2020, UWI St Augustine

UWI Fete is the cornerstone of The UWI Development and Endowment Fund (UWIDEF), which to date has granted over 3000 bursaries to deserving students. Help provide more scholarships to deserving students by purchasing a ticket for the historic 30th annual UWI Fete 2020 – White Diamonds.

For updates, please visit The UWI Fete Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/UWIFete/>

### Emerging Trends in Engineering and Technology Conference March 13 to 15, 2020 • UWI St Augustine

The Faculty of Engineering hosts the International Conference on Emerging Trends in Engineering and Technology (IConETech-2020). The conference aims to bring together leading research scientists, innovative engineers, and environmental policy experts to share their experiences, research results and entrepreneurial methodologies on fundamental developments in science and engineering concepts and their contemporary applications in technological advancements in the 21st Century.

For more information, please visit the IConETech-2020 website: <http://conferences.sta.uwi.edu/iconetech2020/>.

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